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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-62 and 64-67 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-27,33-36,38-53 and 56-62 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 28-32,37,54,55 and 64-67 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 December 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                     | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 8/18/2006 has been entered. At this point claims 56, 58, 64-66 have been amended, claims 2, 63 have been canceled and the remaining claims left unchanged. Thus, claims 1, 3-62, 64-67 are at issue in the instant application.

#### ***Claim Objections***

Claims 11 and 44 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Referring to Claim 11 it is unclear, what is a status of the claim; claim is indicated as "currently amended", but no amendment is shown.

Referring to Claim 44, previous dependency is stroked out, but new dependency is not shown.

Appropriate correction is required.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person

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having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 28-32, 60, 61, 64-66 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wedell et al. (US 6,419,378).

Referring to Claim **28** Wedell et al. disclose (Fig.1) a lighting device having a housing [2] formed as unitary extrusion (col.7, lines 50-59) including a top, a rear compartment, a reflector [16] under the top and facing an underside of the housing, a socket [14] and wiring connected to the socket.

Wedell et al. discloses the instant claimed invention except for that the housing has substantially constant cross section.

Providing the housing with substantially constant cross section allows to simplify the structure of the molding surfaces of the extrusion form and therefore to reduce the price of the form.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to provide the housing of the device of Wedell et al. having substantially constant cross section, in order to reduce the price of the extrusion form.

Referring to Claim **29** Wedell et al. disclose that the housing [2] is preferably molded with the reflector (col.7, lines 56-59). In this case, a part of the reflector in front of the bulb forms a middle wall, which divides the housing on two separate compartments.

Also, Wedell et al. disclose an electrical wiring (col.10, lines 29-32) from rear compartment through an opening [44] (Fig.2) connected to the lamp socket

Referring to Claims **30, 31** since Wedell et al. disclose the instant claimed invention except for that the housing is made of aluminum.

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It is well known in the art, that aluminum has a low specific gravity, but strength higher than plastic. Also, using the aluminum allows to provide cold stamping for forming the housing, what is cheaper than injection molding of plastic.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to provide the housing of the device of Wedell et al. made of aluminum, as an alternative material, in order to reduce the price of the process of forming.

Referring to Claim **32** Wedell et al. disclose a housing [2] including a top panel, a front having a sloping portion and a drop portion, and a middle wall (a part of the reflector molded in front of the bulb).

Referring to Claim **39** Wedell et al. disclose (Fig.2) a plug [36], which is a female electrical connector. Since a male electrical connector is not shown, it is clearly understood, that only male electrical connector may be used for connection with female connector in order to supply an electrical power, of course in connection with a power cord. Also male [200] and female [220] connectors are shown on Fig.20.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to provide the electrical connectors of opposite gender connected to the wiring of the device of Wedell et al., in order to supply an electrical power to the lamp.

Referring to Claim **60** Wedell et al. disclose (Fig.1) a window panel [4].

Referring to Claim **61** Wedell et al. disclose (Fig.1) a reflector [16] facing underside of the housing.

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Referring to Claims **64-66** Wedell et al. disclose (Fig.2) a housing [2] having opposite ends, a lamp socket [14] supported under the housing, a wiring in a rear compartment (col.10, lines 29-32), a rear cover [46] and a window panel [4]. Wedell et al. also disclose that the housing [2] is preferably molded with the reflector (col.7, lines 56-59). The part of the reflector (indicated by the Examiner with reference character "MW", see Fig. below), forms a middle wall, which divides the housing on two separate compartments.

Regarding claim(s) **28-32, 65** please note, that the method of forming the device is not germane to the issue of patentability of the device itself. Even though the claim(s) are limited by and defined by the recited process, the determination of patentability of the product is based on the product itself, and does not depend on its method of production. If the product in the product-by-process claim is the same as or obvious from a product of the prior art, the claim is unpatentable even though the prior product was made by a different process. *In re Thorpe*, 227 USPQ 964, 966 (Fed. Cir. 1985). Therefore, these (i.e. method of forming the device) limitations has not been given patentable weight.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to provide the housing of the device of Wedell et al. having a substantially constant cross section, as alternative form, in order to enclose the inner parts of the device.

Claim **62** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wedell et al. (US 6,419,378) in view of Eagan (US 5,568,965).

Wedell et al. disclose (Fig.1) a partition (middle wall) transverse to the housing top.

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Wedell et al. disclose the instant claimed invention except for a switch compartment having removable bottom cover.

Eagan discloses (Fig.3) a switch compartment [12] having removable bottom cover [24] (col.2, lines 51-55) in order to obtain an access to the compartment and prevent the user from contact with electrical parts located inside of the compartment. Since Eagan discloses a switch button mounted on the side wall of the compartment, it will of course be understood for those skilled in the art, that the switch button may be mounted at any desired place of the compartment, because does not change functionality of the switch.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to provide the switch compartment, as taught by Eagan, for the device of Wedell et al., in order to obtain an access to the compartment and prevent the user from contact with electrical parts located inside of the compartment.

Claim 67 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wedell et al. (US 6,419,378) in view of Guritz et al. (US 4,811,183).

Wedell et al. disclose the instant claimed invention except for a transformer disposed in a switch compartment.

Guritz et al. disclose an electrical transformer disposed in a switch box (col. 4, lines 26-28). As well known in the art, the transformer is used for regulation of the voltage in a circuit. It is understood, that the transformer can be disposed at any desired place of the device depending on structure and form of the device.

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It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to provide the electrical transformer in a switch compartment, as taught by Guritz et al., for the device of Wedell et al., for the purpose of the voltage regulation.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1, 3-27, 33-36, 38-53, 58-62 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Referring to Claim 1 the prior art of record fails to show a light fixture having a window panel slidable between a closed condition and a released condition, being supported against pivotal movement in the closed position, but pivotal from the released condition and open condition.

Claims 3-10 and 18-25, 27 are allowed as claims depended on claim 1.

Referring to Claim 11 the prior art of record fails to show a light fixture including a window panel having two opposite sides between the front and rear edges and a front pin and a rear pin on each of these sides, each of the pins being captive in a corresponding slot in the housing, the front pin being slidable in the corresponding slot for freeing the front pin through an open forward end thereof thereby to release the panel for movement about the rear pin to the open condition.

Claims 12-17 are allowed as claims depended on claim 11.

Referring to Claim 26 the prior art of record fails to show a light fixture having a plurality of translucent window panels each hinged to the housing under a corresponding the



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reflector and each being independently releasable for movement between a closed and an open position.

Referring to Claims 33, 34 and 41 the prior art of record fails to show a rear compartment having a bottom.

Claim 35 is allowed as claims depended on claim 33.

Claims 36-40 are allowed as claims depended on claim 34.

Claims 42-44 are allowed as claims depended on claim 41.

Referring to Claims 45, 50 and 56 the prior art of record fails to show a light fixture housing having a downward facing concave top section joined to an upwardly facing concave rear section.

Claims 46-49 are allowed as claims depended on Claim 45.

Claims 51-55 are allowed as claims depended on Claim 50.

Claim 57 is allowed as claims depended on claim 56.

Referring to Claim 58 the prior art of record fails to show end caps on the opposite housing ends.

Claims 59-62 are allowed as claims depended on claim 58.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed 8/18/2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues, that Wedell et al. fails to show extrusion and that only extrusion allows obtaining constant cross section of the device.

In response, Wedell et al. disclose unitary extrusion in col.1, lines 50-59. Regarding extrusion to receive constant cross section of the item, only injection molding process allows obtaining constant cross section, because of providing same clearance between shaping surfaces of the injection mold. Extrusion method includes placing sleeve of soft plastic material in a forming cavity and spreading the material over the inner surface of the cavity by compressed air. Effort of the compressed air is not enough to obtain same thickness at cross section of the item.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Tsidulko whose telephone number is (571)272-2384. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 - 5.

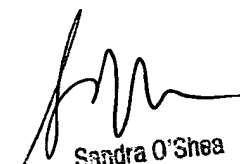
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300 for all communications.

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